

MDPB Minutes February 21, 2001

Members present:, J. Burton, D. Ettinger, S. Diaz, K. Kendall, C. St. Pierre Engels, P. Liebow, D. Stuchiner

MEMS Staff: D. White

Regional Coordinators: J. LeBrun

Guests: J. Regis, B. Dunwoody, P. Marcolini, S. Wardwell, N. Dinerman

Item	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
Previous minutes: 01/17/01	None	Adopted	None.
<u>Old Business</u>			
1. Review of Final ET protocol	New protocol for prehospital protocols to address ET tube placement, requiring use of ETCO2 or EDD. Protocol also stresses importance of continued assessment during transport.	Proposed change to add “yes” and “no” to center of protocol to clarify movement after direct visualization. Movement to adopt with changes (Kendall), Second (Stuchiner). No further discussion. Adopted: 6 in favor, 0 against.	Protocol will be added to new book in fall, 01.
2. Notification of services regarding new protocols.	Discussion by group of need to clarify to services when new protocols will take effect. Protocols will take effect WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW BOOKS and not before, expected Fall 2001.	Plan adopted.	Burton will distribute letter to ems services this spring.
3. Interosseous Sternum project.	Burton reviewed the status of the MMC sternal IO project. Devices are now in stock with MEDCU and will enter formal second phase of study for 6 month trial. Initial first phase data is sparse and poor.	None.	Burton will update group and review project at trial completion in 6 months.
4. Epi-Pen legislation.	Discussion regarding bill requiring epi-pen availability and training. Maine EMS is supporting the bill. Still working out the	None.	Bradshaw and Burton will

<p>5. PA involvement in EMS.</p> <p>6. Policy for patients with special needs.</p>	<p>details of funding, staff, and what level provider will implement. No scheduled hearing date as of yet.</p> <p>Diaz updated group. DownEast PA association is formulating a position.</p> <p>Group reviewed the Proposed protocol for actions and plans for patients with special needs. Policy and procedures were reviewed.</p> <p>Items of discussion included interest in maintaining a file at Maine EMS with all approvals under this program.</p> <p>There would be an annual review of this file for the purposes of tracking this activity.</p> <p>The source of execution of the policy will be at the “local” regional office level.</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>Motion (Kendall, 2nd Liebow) to adopt proposed “patients with special needs” policy and protocol for implementation. – no further discussion: 7 in favor, 0 against.</p>	<p>continue to follow bill progress and formulation.</p> <p>Diaz will bring back to the agenda once Downeast position and desires are clear.</p> <p>Burton will add this item to information distributed to services, also will add to Journal Maine EMS in future.</p>
<p><u>New Business</u></p> <p>1. Protocol assignments for prehospital protocol reviews.</p>	<p>March meeting will review all Maine EMS prehospital protocols.</p> <p>MDPB members accepted responsibility for reviewing sections.</p>	<p>Resp – Liebow</p> <p>Cardiac – Kendall</p> <p>Medicine – St. Pierre Engels</p> <p>Trauma – Stuchiner</p> <p>Misc. – Burton</p> <p>Peds – Ettinger</p> <p>Gen Ref. And Foreword - Diaz</p>	<p><u>March item agenda</u>: review of prehospital protocols.</p>

<u>Other Business</u> 1.Decert/recert/cert	No changes to date. There is some discussion a bill in the legislature advancing a blue ribbon commission to externally evaluate Maine EMS structure.	None.	<u>Return of AG opinion in March or April.</u>
Protocols			<u>Assignments for March review.</u>
Tabled	None	None	<u>None</u>
Next meeting 3/21/2001 (0930 - 1230)			